

PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q95858

Shuichi FUJIKAWA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/590,191

Group Art Unit: 2828

Confirmation No.: 6710

Examiner: VAN ROY, TOD THOMAS

Filed: August 21, 2006

For: ROD-TYPE SOLID-STATE LASER SYSTEM

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This responds to the Election of Species Requirement, dated *March 23, 2009*. The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to more than one distinct species. The species have been divided into two Groups without explanation. A number of the "species" identified by the Examiner are merely explanatory diagrams. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes there are no generic claims.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Group I, Species I (Figs. 1-9) for examination, with traverse. Claims 1-7 are readable upon this species or are linked by the same inventive concept.

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Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims is found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected species at a later date.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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